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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – OCTOBER 2013 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in September, down slightly from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in September 2012.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, up 3 percent from September 2012. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,313 pounds.

Veal production totaled 8.6 million pounds, 3 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,900 head, down 2 percent from September 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from last year, at 234 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.03 million head, down 4 percent from September 2012. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.6 million pounds, was down 7 percent from September 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 184,900 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 19 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2013 commercial red meat production was 36.4 billion pounds, down slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

For a full copy of the October 2013 *Livestock Slaughter* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.

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